

EMT-Basic Subcutaneous Epinephrine Administration

Action Step	Completed	Not Completed	
Verbalizes obtaining order or use of protocol			(Allergen contact, SOA, S/S shock)
Explains procedure to patient			
Takes/verbalizes BSI prior to administration			
Checks medication for:			
Right drug			(Epinephrine)
Right concentration			(1:1,000)
Expiration date			(Current)
Clarity			(Clear)
Selects proper equipment			(Filter needle, TB or 27-23g/3/8-5/8")
Identifies proper site for injection			(Lat thigh, Lat mid-1/3 arm)
Draws up appropriate amount of medication (using filter needle, if available)			(Adult 0.3 mg/ Peds 0.15 mg)
Replaces filter needle with regular needle and expels air from syringe/needle			
Cleanses site appropriately			(Spiral with ETOH)
Introduces needle at 45-degree angle, bevel up			
Administers medication			
Withdraws needle and dresses site			
Disposes of needle in sharps container			
Verbalizes need to observe patient for desired effects/adverse reactions			
Verbalizes proper documentation of administration			

Critical Criteria

- _____ Failure to begin medication administration within 3 minutes
- _____ Failure to take or verbalize BSI
- _____ Contaminates equipment or site without correcting the situation
- _____ Administers improper medication or dosage (wrong med, wrong dose, inappropriate rate)
- _____ Technique or equipment used would have resulted in med being deposited in wrong tissue
- _____ Failure to dispose of needle and syringe in proper container

Student _____

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Date _____

Evaluator _____

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Date _____

Comments: